(c) if so, the present position in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the regional office is likely to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Regional Officers of FCI are located at State Headquarters of the major States. Since there is already a Regional Office at Guwahati, the need for additional office at Silchar is not felt.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Industries based on Agriculture**

4398. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of large or medium industry based on agriculture in Solapur region of Maharashtra is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to send a team of officials to the region to find out the feasibility for setting up such industries during 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Nine applications for setting up Sugar factories in Solapur region of Maharashtra ar at various stages of processing in the Government. As a matter of policy, details of cases are not divulged till these are finally disposed of.

(c) and (d). No such proposal is under consideration.

**Losses by Ramagundam Fertilizer Unit**

4399. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India has been incurring heavy losses;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by it during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The losses incurred during the last three years by Ramagundam Unit FCI are as follows:-

| *Year* | *Losses (Rs. lakhs)* |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 2680 |
| 1989-90 | 3994 |
| 1990-91 | 4619 |

The major reasons for losses of Ramagundam Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India are:-

i) *Deficiency in design.* It is a first generation coal based plant commissioned in 1980. From the very inception it has been suffering from design deficiency and equipment imbalances leading to heavy production and financial losses.

ii) Besides this, there has been

chronic problem in availability of power. 100% power cuts have been imposed by APSEB in Ramagundam Unit which lead to shut down of the plant for 4-7 months in a year.

(c) The FCI has submitted a proposal for rehabilitation including a captive power plant of 40 MW for Ramagundam Unit at a cost of Rs. 171.94 crores for achieving 60% capacity utilisation.

**Import of Raw Material by N.S.I.C.**

4400. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation are importing various raw materials for the small scale sector under its IRMAC scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of imported and indigenous raw materials assistance scheme being offered by NSIC to existing and proposed units and the facilities offered;

(d) whether NSIC is importing various raw materials under OGL;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether NSIC are negotiating or making serious efforts to procure scarce raw materials from Government Enterprises for the purposes of SSI units after the announcement of New Industrial Policy for small sector; if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether a few raw materials have been canalised through NSIC for small sector; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to National Small Industries Corporation, it has imported precision Instruments against licence under IRMAC Scheme.

(c) The Corporation provides both imported and indigenous raw-materials to SSI under its Raw-Material Assistance Scheme against their specific requirements. The units availing assistance are required to deposit between 20 to 30% as margin money and interest on blocked up capital as per the prevalent Bank rates is charged. The Corporation's Service Charges range between 1 to 3% depending upon the quantum of assistance provided.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The main items of import under OGL by the Corooration are Electronic Components, PVC/Oleopine Resin, Acrylic scrap, CRGO Sheets, Pig Iron etc. as per requirements of the units.

(f) Yes, Sir. the Corporation is negotiating with IPCL Baroda, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Udaipur to procure polymars and Zinc, etc.

(g) No, Sir.

**Cost Escalation of Public Sector Projects**

4401. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 330 public sector projects have shown cost escalations because of delays in clearance and implementation;

(b) if so, the names of these projects and the original cost and escalated cost of these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government